

**Amendments to the Specification**

For purposes herein, the paragraphs referred to are those as numbered in the corresponding U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0209473 A1.

Please replace numbered paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] Returning to FIG. 1, on the inner surface 20, 22 are arranged recesses 62a,b. When the clamps 16, 18 meet the recesses 62a, b form circumferential grooves around the inner surface 20, 22 equidistantly from the rod axis. Each component end 12, 14 includes a protrusion 66, 68 which may be likened to a door knob or knuckle in profile, and/or having a ball and socket arrangement 80. Each protrusion 66,68, lies within a recess 62a,b and a large contact surface area 64a, b is provided between the protrusion 66,68 and the inner surface 20,22. Additionally as each recess 62a, b has an angled surface facing toward the ends 12, 14 respectively; the protrusions 66, 68 are effectively gripped by the clamps 16, 18. To aid the fitting of each protrusion 66, 68 into each recess 62a, b, bearing pads 70, 72 are located at the distal ends of the protrusions 66, 68. The bearing pads 70, 72 may be formed of a material which provides some give and has a relatively high elastic modulus.